

# **United States District Court**

**EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TEXARKANA DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**V.**

**JEFFREY MERCHANT**

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**CASE NO. 5:06CR25**

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON GUILTY PLEA  
BEFORE THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) this matter has been referred by the District Court for administration of the guilty plea and allocution under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

On July 11, 2006, this cause came before the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge for guilty plea and allocution of the Defendant on an Information charging in Count 1 violation of Title 18, USC, Section 2113(a) Bank Robbery. After conducting said proceeding in the form and manner prescribed by Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 the Court finds:

a. That the Defendant after consultation with counsel of record, has knowingly and voluntarily consented to the administration of the Guilty Plea and Allocution in this cause by a United States Magistrate Judge subject to a final approval and imposition of sentence by the District Court.

b. That the Defendant and the Government have entered into a plea agreement which has been filed and disclosed in open court pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(e)(2).

c. That the Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea, that the Defendant is aware of the nature of the charges and the consequences of the plea, and that the plea of guilty is a knowing and voluntary plea supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of the offense.

d. The Defendant understands his constitutional and statutory rights and wishes to waive these rights; including the right to a trial by jury and the right to appear before a United States District Judge.

e. All parties have waived their rights to object to this Findings of Fact.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that the District Court accept the Plea Agreement and the Guilty Plea of the Defendant, and that JEFFERY T. MERCHANT should be finally adjudged guilty of that offense.

SIGNED this 12th day of July, 2006.

  
CAROLINE M. CRAVEN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE